

## **U.S. EPA CERCLA SECTION 104(e) INFORMATION REQUEST QUESTIONS and RESPONSES**

Site: Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site (LDW), Seattle, WA

DERP-FUDS Site Number F10WA025###, Seattle Gun Battery Site, Seattle, WA

### **1. Respondent Information**

#### **a. Provide the full legal name and mailing address of the Respondent.**

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#### **b. For each person answering these questions on behalf of Respondent, provide:**

- i. full name;**
- ii. title;**
- iii. business address; and**
- iv. business telephone number and FAX machine number.**

The information requested for each of the persons responsible for answering these questions is provided under separate cover for personal privacy purposes.

#### **c. If Respondent wishes to designate an individual for all future correspondence concerning this matter, please indicate here by providing that individual's name, address, telephone number and fax number.**

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#### **d. State the dates during which the Department of Defense (DOD) held any property interests at or within one-half mile of the FUDS.**

The dates during which DOD held property interests for this site is as shown on the spreadsheet included on the CD provided with this response. To the extent available, documents showing when the site was acquired and disposed of are hyperlinked to the spreadsheet.

- e. **State the dates during which DOD conducted any activities at or within one-half mile of the FUDS.**

From April 1942 through July 1946, DOD may have conducted activities at or within one-half mile of the FUDS.

See the following documents available on the CD provided with this response:

- Letter, from War Dept., Office of the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army, D.C., to Commanding General of the Services of Supply, re: land acquisition – small tracts of additional land on approved projects, dated April 10, 1942.
- Memorandum, from War Dept., Office of the Division Engineer, North Pacific Division, to District Engineer, U.S. Engineer Office, Seattle, re: declaration of surplus real estate, dated July 25, 1946.
- Real Property Disposal Report, Seattle Gun Battery Site GW9-114, USACE Seattle District, dated June 1, 1956.
- Plan drawing, by USACE, Seattle District, of Seattle Gun Battery Site GW9-114, Military Reservation, drafted March 6, 1945.

- f. **Describe the nature of DOD's activities at the FUDS or within one-half mile of the FUDS.**

The nature of DOD's activities at or within one-half mile of the FUDS is not described in any available documentation regarding the site. Presumably, the activities consisted of storage of military guns associated with World War II.

- g. **In relation to your answer to the previous question, identify all materials used or created by DOD's activities at the FUDS, including raw materials, commercial products, building debris, and other wastes.**

There is no information in any available documentation regarding any materials that may have been used or created by DOD's activities at the FUDS, including raw materials, commercial products, building debris, and other wastes.

2. **Site Activities and Interests**

- a. **Provide all documents in your possession or accessible to you regarding the ownership of the FUDS before, during and after DOD control, including, but not limited to, copies of deeds, sales contracts, leases, blueprints, "as-builts" and photographs.**

Any documents showing ownership or other real estate interests by DOD for the FUDS are hyperlinked to the spreadsheet included on the CD provided with this response.

- b. Provide all documents in your possession or accessible to you regarding environmental conditions at the FUDS before, during and after the relevant time period (see Definitions). "Environmental conditions" includes information relating to soil, sediment, water (ground and surface), and air quality. This may include, but not be limited to:**

- i. Any spill, leak, release or discharge of a hazardous substance, waste, or material at or near the FUDS;**

There is no documentation available regarding any spill, leak, release or discharge of a hazardous substance, waste, or material at or near the FUDS.

- ii. Occurrences of violations, citations, deficiencies, and/or accidents concerning the FUDS;**

There is no documentation on any occurrences of violations, citations, deficiencies, and/or accidents concerning the FUDS.

- iii. Remediation or removal of contaminated soils, sediments, or other media at the FUDS; and**

There is no documentation in the possession and control of the DOD indicating the remediation or removal of contaminated soils, sediments, or other media at the FUDS.

- iv. Investigations, inspections, sampling, and any associated reports regarding the FUDS and surrounding area.**

There is no documentation of investigations, inspections, sampling and any associated reports regarding the FUDS and surrounding area.

- c. Provide information on the condition of the FUDS when purchased or at the beginning of the relevant time period; describe the source, volume, and content of any fill material used during the construction of the buildings, including waterside structures such as seawalls, wharves, docks or marine ways. Additionally, describe any subsequent improvements, alteration, demolitions or additions to the physical structures or the property itself.**

Limited information is available on the condition of the FUDS when purchased or at the beginning of the relevant time period. Prior to use as a Gun Battery Site, the property was owned by twelve different landowners. The majority of the property (18.5 of 24.83 acres) was owned by O.M. Akers, although previous use or condition upon DOD's acquisition of the site is unknown. After acquisition in 1942, Permit #A3701 designated use of

Brandon Street, between 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave SW for Army Installation purposes. No additional information regarding any alterations to the property is available.

See the following documents available on the CD provided with this response:

- Plan drawing, by USACE, Seattle District, of Seattle Gun Battery Site GW9-114, Military Reservation, drafted March 6, 1945.
- Tract register, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Real Estate Division, for Seattle Gun Battery Site GW9-114, date of directive April 10, 1942, and audited Oct. 3, 1950.
- Permit No. A3701, from City of Seattle Dept. of Public Works, Office of City Engineer, to U.S. Army Engineers, on Feb. 28, 1944, for use of Brandon St. (between 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW) for duration and six months thereafter.
- Release, Corps of Engineers, North Pacific Division, releasing Permit No. A-3701, as no longer required for use by the U.S., and redelivered to the permitter on Aug. 14, 1946; signed Aug. 16, 1945 by the City of Seattle Engineer.

- d. **Provide a brief summary of the activities conducted at the FUDS while under DOD's ownership or operation. Include any diagrams or charts of the activities conducted.**

As stated in our response to Question 1.f. above, the nature of DOD's activities at or within one-half mile of the FUDS is not described in any available documentation. Presumably, however, the activities consisted of storage of military guns associated with World War II.

- e. **Provide all documents pertaining to sale, transfer, delivery, or disposal, of any hazardous substances, scrap materials, and/or recyclable materials at or to the FUDS.**

There is no available documentation pertaining to sale, transfer, delivery, or disposal, of any hazardous substances, scrap materials, and/or recyclable materials at or near to the FUDS.

- f. **Provide all information or electrical equipment used at the FUDS, including transformers or other electrical equipment that may have contained polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).**

There is no available documentation pertaining to electrical equipment, such as transformers or other electrical equipment that may have contained PCBs that may have been used at the FUDS.

- g. **Provide information on the type(s) of oils or fluids used for lubrication of machinery or other industrial purposes, and any other chemicals or**

**products which are or may contain hazardous substances which are or were used at the FUDS for facility operations.**

There is no documentation available on the type(s) of oils or fluids used for lubrication of machinery or other industrial purposes at the FUDS for facility operations. There is also no documentation available regarding the presence of any other chemicals or products which may have contained hazardous substances which may have been used at the FUDS for facility operations.

- h. Provide any site drainage descriptions, plans or maps that include information about storm drainage which includes, but is not limited to, above or below surface piping, ditches, catch basins, manholes, and treatment/detention or related structures including outfalls. If available, also include information about connections to sanitary sewer.**

There is no information available regarding site drainage descriptions, plans or maps that include information about storm drainage including, but not limited to, above or below surface piping, ditches, catch basins, manholes, and treatment/detention related structures, including outfalls.

- i. With respect to past site activities, please provide copies of any stormwater or drainage studies, including data from sampling, conducted at the FUDS. Also provide copies of any Stormwater Pollution Prevention or Maintenance Plans or Spill Plans that may have been developed for operations or activities at the FUDS.**

There is no documentation in the possession and control of the DOD to indicate that any past site activities involved the conduction of any stormwater or drainage studies, or any data collection from sampling, at the FUDS. There also is no available documentation indicating the existence of any Stormwater Pollution Prevention or Maintenance Plans or Spill Plans that may have been developed for operations or activities at the FUDS.

**3. Information About Others**

- a. Describe any business relationship DOD may have had regarding the FUDS, or operations thereon, with others.**

There is no information available to indicate that DOD had any business relationships regarding the FUDS, or operations thereon, with others.

- b. Provide the names and last known address of any tenants or lessees, the dates of their tenancy and a brief description of the activities they conducted while operation on the FUDS.**

Names and addresses, if disclosed by the documents in the possession and control of DOD, of any tenants or lessees of the site, and the dates of their tenancy and activities conducted are as shown in the Outgrant columns of the spreadsheet for the FUDS that has been included on the CD provided with this Response.

- c. **If not already provided, identify and provide a last known address or phone number for all persons, including current and former employees or agents, other than attorneys, who have knowledge or information about the generation, use, purchase, storage, disposal, placement, or other handling of hazardous materials at, or transportation of hazardous materials to or from, the FUDS.**

DOD is not aware of any persons, including current and former employees or agents, whom have knowledge or information about the generation, use, purchase, storage, disposal, placement, or other handling of hazardous materials at, or transportation of hazardous material to or from, the FUDS.

4. **Compliance with This Request**

- a. **Describe all sources reviewed or consulted in responding to this request, including, but not limited to:**
- i. **name and current job title of all individuals consulted;**
  - ii. **location(s) where all documents reviewed are currently kept.**

The sources reviewed or consulted in responding to this request include the following:

USACE Northwestern Division (Omaha, NE):

- DERP-FUDS Program Files;

USACE Kansas City District:

- DERP-FUDS Program Files

USACE Northwestern Division (Portland, OR) (formerly, North Pacific Division):

- DERP-FUDS Program Files

USACE Seattle District:

- Real Estate Division;
- Environmental Management Branch;
- Navigation Branch

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